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Reporting for week ending August 6, 2006

General

Slight relief from the summer heat during the week ending July 30 was followed by higher than normal temperatures last week. There were scattered rain showers across the state. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 30% very short, 41% short, 28% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Crops

The corn crop continued to push ahead of five year averages, with some harvesting reported. The corn crop was in mostly good condition. Bolls set on the cotton crop was complete. Cotton was in mostly good condition. Farmers sprayed their rice crop for stink bugs. The rice crop was in mostly good condition. Sorghum progress was slightly ahead of the five year averages. The sorghum crop continued to be in fair to good condition. Soybeans continued yellowing and began shedding their leaves last week. The soybean crop was in fair to good condition.

Livestock

Livestock condition declined slightly. Condition of the hay crop deteriorated, especially the alfalfa. Pasture and range conditions continued to decline.

Percent of Progress

	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Doughed	98	95	95	94
	Dented	86	72	61	67
	Mature ¹	20	5		
	Harvested ¹	2			
Cotton	Bolls Set	100	99	98	98
	Bolls Open	1	0	1	1
Rice	Headed	71	40	61	69
Sorghum	Headed	99	96	92	96
	Coloring	74	55	62	70
	Mature	10	2	2	5
Soybeans	Bloomed	96	91	93	87
	Pods Set	82	71	77	66
	Yellowed	7	4	3	3
	Shedding	2		2	0

¹ Question not asked in previous years for reference week.

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	4	10	28	42	16
Cotton	1	7	27	46	19
Rice	2	5	26	51	16
Sorghum	3	13	41	35	8
Soybeans	7	19	33	32	9
Hay-Other	20	32	29	18	1
Hay-Alfalfa	14	53	19	14	0
Pasture & Range	20	32	29	18	1

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending August 6, 2006									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending August 6	Aug	Aug	Jan - July	
						Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	99	68	6	0.00	0.00	0.56	19.42	27.58
	Harrison	100	70	6	0.00	0.00	0.64	33.07	26.67
N. Central	Calico Rock	96	65	2	0.38	0.38	0.61	28.40	27.46
	Gilbert	100	67	2	0.00	0.00	0.56	26.16	26.82
	Greers Ferry	99	69	3	0.00	0.00	0.63	29.67	30.39
	Mtn. Home	97	71	4	0.00	0.00	0.49	25.59	26.91
Northeast	Batesville	96	65	2	0.00	0.00	0.68	29.22	28.50
	Jonesboro	95	70	1	0.00	0.00	0.56	28.29	28.38
	Keiser	95	70	2	0.15	0.15	0.63	34.56	31.59
	Newport	98	69	2	0.00	0.00	0.65	31.88	29.52
W. Central	Booneville	102	72	5	0.41	0.41	0.53	20.15	29.30
	Clarksville	101	71	6	0.03	0.03	0.53	22.27	28.03
	Dardanelle	101	71	5	0.04	0.04	0.63	24.82	29.51
	Ft. Smith	103	73	6	0.07	0.07	0.56	27.34	26.61
	Mena	100	71	6	1.45	1.45	0.68	24.07	35.53
	Ozark	103	60	5	1.10	1.10	0.60	28.95	27.05
Central	Conway	98	71	2	0.15	0.15	0.56	29.02	29.30
	Hot Springs	103	70	6	0.14	0.50	0.74	26.71	34.95
	Little Rock	100	73	3	1.06	1.06	0.63	28.33	30.67
	N. Little Rock	99	71	1	0.00	0.00	0.66	28.16	26.32
E. Central	Brinkley	98	70	2	0.00	0.00	0.58	33.56	31.80
	Marianna	95	67	2	0.03	0.03	0.68	27.24	33.64
	Stuttgart	98	70	2	0.35	0.35	0.53	28.42	31.14
Southwest	Hope	100	70	4	0.09	0.09	0.77	21.46	32.46
	Texarkana	97	73	2	0.00	0.00	0.59	21.83	27.70
	Camden	99	72	3	0.35	0.35	0.70	19.83	32.75
S. Central	El Dorado	100	69	3	0.20	0.20	0.77	26.10	34.68
	Warren	100	71	4	0.01	0.01	0.74	25.24	34.62
Southeast	Eudora	104	72	4	0.14	0.14	0.70	32.24	37.26
	Pine Bluff	99	73	3	0.25	0.25	0.83	28.28	32.26
	Rohwer	98	72	3	0.00	0.00	0.65	30.94	33.19

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